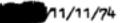
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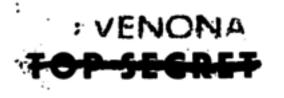
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To the 8th Department.

"ZAYaTs"[i] reports:

Ambassedor WINANT[ii] informed the "BANK"[iii] that, according to information from the Acting [2 groups unrecovered] RIPKA [iv], BENES[v] was satisfied with his trip to MOSCOW and with the attitude to the European question expressed by the Soviet government. RIPKA told the First Secretary of the COUNTRY [STRANA][vi] SCHOENFELD[vii] that BENES, in a conversation with MIKOLAJCZYK[viii], stated: The USSR is not against the renewal of relations with POLAND, does not want a Communist POLAND and does not demand the 1941 boundaries. It does want the recognition of the CURZON line with some amendments (the Poles will have the area of BELOSTOK, the area near LOMZA and eastern GALICIA including PRZEMYSL. The USSR insists on keeping in its own hands LVOV [3 groups unrecovered] hand-over to POLAND of territory in the west right up to the ODER if the ISLAND [OSTROV][ix], the COUNTRY and CZECHOSLOVAKIA [6 groups unrecovered] the USSR demands changes in the composition of the Polish Cabinet and the removal of SOSNKOWSKI[x]; considers

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HIKOLAJCZYK sccept-ble; dem-nds

[26 groups unrecovered]

collaboration of the COUNTRY and the ISLAND. In BENES's opinion this attitude has been dictated not by temporary

[102 groups unrecoverable]

Footnotes:

[i] ZAY&Ts: i.e. "HARE"; Maurice HALPERIN.

[ii] WINANT: John Gilbert WINANT, U.S. Ambassador to

GREAT BRITAIN.

[iii] BANK: U.S. State Department.

[iv] RIPKA: Hubert RIPKA, Deputy/Acting Minister of

Foreign Affairs in the Czechoslovak

Government in Exile in LONDON.

[v] BENES: President Edvard BENES of CZECHOSLOVAKIA;

visited the USSR in December. 1943

[vi] COUNTRY: The U.S.A.

[vii] SCHOENFELD: Rudolf Emil SCHOENFELD, American

Minister to several Governments in Exile

in LONDON, including that of

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

[viii] MIKOLAJCZYK: Stanislaw MIKOLAJCZYK, Prime Minister of

the Polish Government in LONDON.

[ix] The ISLAND: GREAT BRITAIN.

[x] SOSNKOWSKI: General Kazimierz SOSNKOWSKI,

Commender-in-Chief Polish Armed Forces.

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